

### **REMARKS**

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application. Claims 1, 3-22, 24-26, 30, 35, 39-64, and 67 are pending in the application. Claims 24-26 have been canceled by the instant amendment. Claims 2, 23, 27-29, 31-34, 36-38, 65, 66, and 68 stand cancelled. Claims 18-22, 39-64, and 67 remain withdrawn from consideration. Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, 3-22, 30, 35, 39-64, and 67 will be pending. No new matter has been added by virtue of the instant amendments. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application based on the following remarks.

As an initial matter, Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 1, 3-17, 30, and 35 are allowed.

Claims 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite regarding the metes and bounds of the claims. Applicants traverse but have canceled claims 24-26, rendering the rejection moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.


Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Group 7 as that group was originally defined in the November 5, 2003 Office Action with revised Group I. Applicants assert that multiple groups could be searched and examined together without undue burden. For instance, Groups 1 and 7 share a common classification (514 and 544), and said groups are drawn to claims which recite pyrimidine compounds having: (1) Ar selected from phenyl or naphthyl; (2) R<sub>2</sub> is selected from various groups including mono and disubstituted amino groups and alkoxy groups which do not comprise a heteroaryl or heterocyclic groups; and (3) R<sub>3</sub> is various groups in Group 1 including alkoxy. As such, the compounds in Groups 1 and 7 possess a common pyrimidine ring system having a common substitution pattern. Applicants believe that searching these additional claims will not pose an additional burden on the Examiner and request joining Groups 1 and 7.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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